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SPRING STORM | PATH OF DESTRUCTION

TOM SISTAK/THE DAILY TIMES/AP

WRECKAGE: Tim Wheeler and Helen Lock search for salvageable belongings in Utica, Ill., on Wednesday after a deadly tornado plowed through town Tuesday, killing 8 people. The tornado was part of a series of twisters that swept the Midwest. ✤ **The human toll:** Search teams find victims' bodies | Page 4

Basra Blasts Kill Dozens

Busloads of children among dead in coordinated bombings

BASRA, IRAQ | Suicide attackers unleashed car bombings against police buildings in Iraq's biggest Shiite city Wednesday morning, striking rush-hour crowds and killing at least 68 people, including 16 children incinerated in their school buses.

The attacks wounded about 200 people and marked a revival of devastating suicide bombings, which had not been seen during this month's battles between U.S. forces and homegrown guerrillas across Iraq.

Basra Gov. Wael Abdul-Latif, a member of the Iraqi Governing Council, blamed al Qaeda, but a U.S. counterterrorism official said it was premature to make such judgments.

Bombers struck at 7 a.m., just as the city's main street market, near one of the targeted police stations, was opening for the day. Shoppers were headed to the stalls of vegetables and other goods, and children were passing on their way to school.

The attackers detonated four cars packed with missiles and TNT in front of three police stations and a police academy. An hour later another car bomb went off outside the police academy in Zubair, a largely Sunni town about nine miles from mainly Shiite Basra.

Police discovered two other car bombs before they were detonated and arrested three men in the vehicles, Abdul-Latif said.

A blast in front of one police station wrecked and charred vehicles, including school buses taking kindergartners and girls ages 10-15 to school. Dead children, burned beyond recognition, were pulled from the wreckage.

Nine of the dead and 36 of the wounded were police, Abdul-Latif said. ABBAS FAYADH (AP)

✤ **Indecisive force:** U.S. general says many Iraqi police switched sides in recent fighting | Page 5

BEDROOM EYES | **Pillow Talk** Austrians love their bedrooms, but seldom make love in them. Malaysians often have sex in their bedrooms, but don't get much sleep there. Those are two conclusions of a Gallup International poll released this week by

Swedish furniture giant IKEA. The company wanted to know how frequently people use their bedrooms for different activities. It said about 20 percent of North Americans like to have sex outside the bedroom, but it didn't say where. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

FOOD

Bite-Sized Bugs

Most school trips don't offer snacks, so it's hard to blame students from PS/IS 208 in Queens when they helped themselves during a trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York this week. That is, until you see what they're eating. The fourth-graders were offered an opportunity to sample a host of multiple-legged treats as the museum promoted its upcoming "Adventures in a Global Kitchen" program. One of the participants was 9-year-old Amanda Cipriana, pictured right, who enjoyed a small cricket snack. (EXPRESS)

RICHARD DREW/AP

SECURITY

Tough Ass

No one messes with Bonnie. The newest employee at the University of Rhode Island's Peckham Farm in South Kingstown is a four-foot-tall fuzzy brown donkey, and she appears to be taking her livestock-guarding responsibilities seriously."She's the boss," said URI senior Josean Velez, 22, a biology and animal science major. "She's really protective. If you're going after the sheep, she's going after you." Coyotes and dogs have been known to frequent the farm, but the donkey usually scares them away with a few well-placed kicks. Under Bonnie's watch are 22 adult sheep and 27 lambs, along with the rest of the livestock on the farm. The university's animal science students work there as part of their hands-on training. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH

You've Got Something On Your ... Never Mind

Can the ladies resist the enchanting eyes of the South American king vulture? Officials at the London Zoo hope not. The little Romeo pictured at right is one of a pair of vultures sent to the London Zoo's aviary from the Burgers Zoo in the Netherlands — and they hope his sultry stare will bring success to a bird breeding program. The king vulture's natural habitat ranges from Mexico to Argentina, according to the Web site of the National Zoo in Washington. (EXPRESS)

MAX NASH/AP

CRIME

Rob Bank: Check Go to Jail: Check

A man who added "rob bank" to his to-do list pleaded guilty to robbing six banks in suburban Kansas City, Kan. John Sarver pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court this week to six counts of bank robbery. Sarver, 47, admitted robbing the banks in suburban Leawood, Prairie Village, Shawnee and Olathe between January 2002 and December 2003. In each case, Sarver handed a teller a note demanding money. After his arrest on Jan 2, officers searching his home found the list reminding himself to rob a bank. Sarver could get 20 years in prison without parole on each count when he is sentenced July 12. (AP)

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In Brief

MCALESTER, OKLA.

Judge Refuses to Throw Out Okla. City Bombing Case

A judge refused to dismiss the murder case Wednesday against Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols and restricted defense attorneys' ability to argue there was a wider conspiracy than the government has acknowledged. Judge Steven Taylor found no basis for defense claims that the prosecution withheld evidence important to Nichols's case. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Missile Defense System on Schedule to Launch This Year

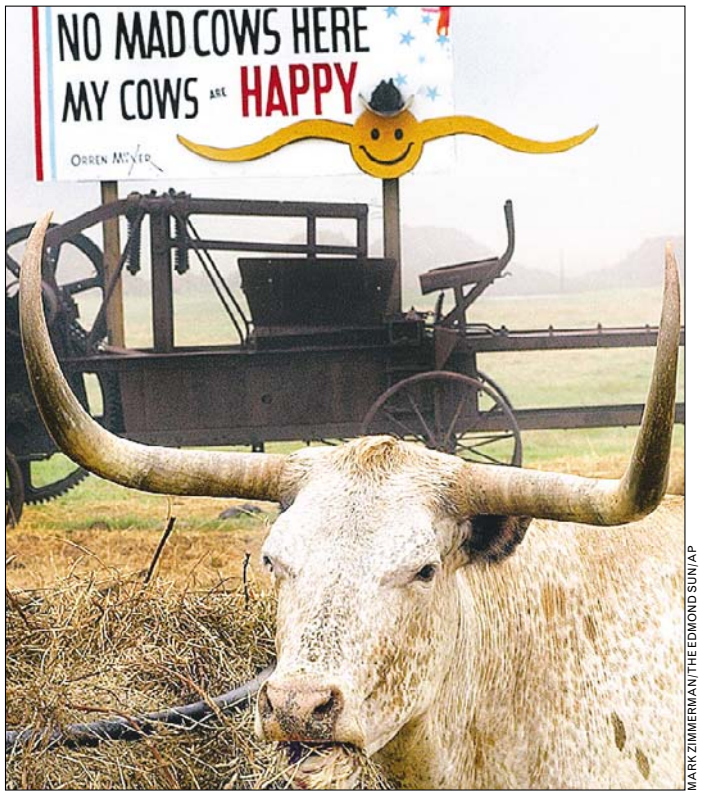
The United States is on track to activate a limited ballistic missile defense system by the end of the year, giving the country the capability to take on such threats, the program's director said Wednesday. Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Missile Defense Agency, told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that he expects to meet President Bush's goal of having 20 interceptors in place by the end of 2005. (AP)

HARDAWAY, FLA.

Ex-Boyfriend Accused of Shooting Woman, 3 Others

A man who was angry that his girlfriend was breaking up with him kicked down her door and shot her to death along with three of her relatives, officials said. Willie Sentille Smith, 21, was ordered held without bond Wednesday on four charges of first-degree murder after turning himself in to a sheriff's deputy following Monday night's shooting. (AP)

ON THE FARM | MIND OVER MATTER



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ALL SMILES: A longhorn steer chews on hay Wednesday in front of a homemade sign on Oklahoma rancher Orren Mixer's property in Edmond. Mixer said he made the sign as a statement against mad cow disease.

Iraq War Running $4B Over Budget

Conflict costing an estimated $4.7 billion a month, Pentagon says

WASHINGTON | Increased violence in Iraq is pushing the cost of the war over budget, possibly by as much as $4 billion by late summer, the top U.S. military officer said Wednesday. And billions more will be needed for the rest of the year.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the recent decision to extend the stay of some 20,000 troops will cost roughly $700 million more over three months. The White House is keeping open the possibility it will seek additional funds before the end of this election year.

"When the service chiefs last talked about this, there was, I think, a $4 billion shortfall," Myers told the House Armed Services Committee. "We thought we could get through all of August. We'd have to figure out how to do September."

The war is costing an estimated $4.7 billion a month, officials said. Defense officials are studying their current budget, which runs through Sept. 30, to determine whether some money can be moved from purchase programs or other Pentagon accounts, Myers said.

Lawmakers expect to have a defense bill in place by the time the new budget year begins Oct. 1. But the version President Bush proposed had no money for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nevertheless, legislators say the Pentagon could use money from that bill until extra money for the war is provided.

White House officials have said they would propose a separate bill after this fall's elections — costing up to $50 billion — to pay for the two wars. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

HEARSAY | DUTY

"I am not proposing a draft, but I think some kind of mandatory service for this country ... should be something we take seriously here."

—SEN. CHUCK HAGEL, R-NEB.
A VIETNAM VETERAN, ON WAYS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON U.S. FORCES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

Bush Warns of Pre-Election Attacks

WASHINGTON | It's tough to protect the United States against terrorism, President Bush said Wednesday, adding that he understands why two-thirds of Americans in an Associated Press poll think terrorists are likely to strike the nation again before the November election.

"This is a hard country to defend," Bush told executives of more than 1,500 Associated Press-member newspapers at the cooperative's annual meeting.

Questioned about an AP poll showing that two of three Americans believe another attack is at least "somewhat likely" before the election, Bush said: "I can understand why they think they're going to get hit again."

"Our intelligence is good," he said. "It's just never perfect, is the problem."

Results from the poll, conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, show that half of Americans have concerns that terrorists might be winning the war on terrorism, and one in five feels strongly that way.

A third said it was likely there would be an attack at one of the political conventions this summer. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

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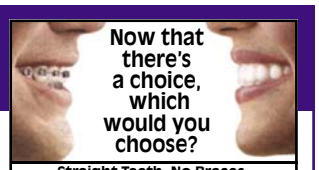

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U.S. Had a Shot at Saddam

Intel on Iraqi leader sparked early start to war, book reveals

WASHINGTON | The carefully developed plan to begin the U.S. invasion of Iraq last March with 48 hours of secret special operations was changed at the last minute when CIA and Pentagon officials told President Bush they believed they could kill Saddam Hussein, according to a new book by The Washington Post's Bob Woodward.

Informants inside Iraq — known in the CIA as the ROCKSTARS — reported that Hussein and two of his sons were staying at a house outside Baghdad, according to the book "Plan of Attack." When the news was relayed to Washington the afternoon of March 19, 2003, Bush agreed to an airstrike to attempt to kill them. The sudden change in plans meant that he went on national television that night to announce that the attack had begun, about 36 hours earlier than planned.

Although the target was destroyed, the CIA was unable to verify whether Hussein or his sons were at the site. The sons, Uday and Qusay, were later killed and their father eventually captured.

Woodward also describes the moment on the morning of March 19 when Bush ordered Gen. Tommy Franks to begin operations by a video hook-up in the White House Situation Room.

"For the peace of the world and the benefit and freedom of the Iraqi people," Bush said, "I hereby give the order to execute Operation Iraqi Freedom. May God bless the troops."

"May God bless America," Franks replied. WILLIAM HAMILTON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In the Post: Countdown to war
More on the final moments before the war in Iraq | Today's Post, A Section

Online: 'Plan of Attack' archive
The Post's full series of Woodward excerpts | washingtonpost.com/politics

LAUNCH PARTY | FIRST SPLASH

CARISA MCCAIN/THE MISSISSIPPI PRESS/AP

MAKING HISTORY: The Army logistics support vessel MG Robert Smalls was launched with a splash Wednesday in Moss Point, Miss. The ship is the first Army vessel to bear the name of a black American. Smalls commandeered a Confederate steamer in Charleston, S.C., and brought it to Union sailors blockading Charleston's harbor 142 years ago.

Midwest Tornadoes Kill 8, Damage Town

Bodies found in rubble of pub where residents had run for shelter

UTICA, ILL. | Searchers with shovels and buckets pulled eight bodies Wednesday from the rubble of a tavern where residents had gathered to seek shelter from a twister that flattened the century-old building.

Mayor Fred Esmond said several people from a nearby trailer park had congregated in the basement of the Milestone Tap on a night when dozens of twisters tore through the Midwest. Nine people were removed alive from the ruins of the country-western-themed watering hole.

Coroner Jody Bernard said the dead ranged in age from 18 to 81. The two-story building's crumbling sandstone foundation slowed rescuers' efforts as they gingerly dug through the sandy rubble.

The twister cut a wide swath of destruction in this small town 90 miles southwest of Chicago, turning homes and businesses into piles of brick and splintered wood. More than 10 people were taken to hospitals.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited Utica and other communities and declared four counties to be disaster areas. Federal Emergency Management Agency officials planned to visit Thursday to see if they qualify for disaster relief. DON BABWIN (AP)

World

In Brief

EUROPE

EU Balks at Handing Over Airline Passenger Data

The European Parliament passed a resolution Wednesday challenging an agreement to share airline passenger data with Washington and asked the European Union's top court to determine if the deal violates privacy laws. The vote risks a confrontation with the United States that could force the cancelation of some trans-Atlantic flights. Washington says the passenger data — ranging from credit card numbers to meal preferences — is needed to combat terrorism. (AP)

MIDEAST

Palestinian P.M. Urges Bush To Reconsider New Policy

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia wrote to President Bush on Wednesday, asking him to reconsider his tacit recognition of some Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Qureia said recent declarations that Israel could keep some of the West Bank and would not have to absorb Palestinian refugees contradict longstanding U.S. policy. Bush gave such assurances to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon last week. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Independent Panel Set Up To Probe Oil-for-Food Effort

The Security Council on Wednesday unanimously approved an independent investigation of the U.N. oil-for-food program that critics say allowed billions of dollars in illegal revenue to flow to Saddam Hussein. Former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker will chair the investigative panel that includes Yugoslav war crimes prosecutor Richard Goldstone of South Africa and Swiss law professor Mark Pieth. (AP)

SUDAN

Rapes, Bombings Could Be 'Crimes Against Humanity'

Government forces and Arab militias in Sudan are raping non-Arab women and girls, bombing civilians and committing other atrocities in what may amount to "crimes against humanity" in western Darfur province, according to a preliminary U.N. report. The report was obtained Wednesday by the AP. The government has denied that it is responsible for any atrocities. (AP)

JOHN MOORE/AP

THE HOUNDS OF WAR: An Army police dog helps soldiers control a crowd of Iraqis trying to return to their homes in Fallu-jah on Wednesday. The military allowed only 10 families to return, turning hundreds away due to fighting in the city.

Fighting Erupts in Fallujah

Marines refuse to let families return after ambush by insurgents

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | Peace efforts in this besieged city ran into trouble Wednesday as guerrillas mounted a heavy attack on U.S. troops, with Marines killing 20 insurgents in the ensuing battle.

Meanwhile, insurgents started turning in some weapons as part of a crucial disarmament, but most were useless, U.S. military officials said. In response, U.S. Marines halted the return of some of the 70,000 residents — more than a third of Fallujah's population — who had fled the city earlier this month during the bloody fighting.

About 10 families made it back into the city in the morning before Marines told some 600 Iraqis waiting at the checkpoint that no more would be allowed to enter.

The steps were a setback to two key parts of an agreement reached over the weekend by U.S. officials and Fallujah city leaders aimed at bringing peace to the city. Under the deal, the city leaders called on guerrillas to disarm, and the Americans said they would attempt to let in 50 families a day.

Marine Capt. Matt Watt said he doubted the battle would scuttle the agreement.

"I think it's one last surge by the mujahedeen and criminal-type elements in the city to get one last attack in before the political situation snuffs them out," Watt said. "They see that the end is near." (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ **Tribal leaders** in the Shiite holy city of Najaf called for an anti-American cleric's militia to end its standoff with U.S. troops.

➜ **The Organization of the Islamic Conference**, the largest grouping of Islamic countries, called an emergency meeting Thursday that was expected to urge the U.N. to take "the leading role" in Iraq, and some say the countries might send troops to protect the world body of it returns to Iraq. Representatives from about 20 members planned to attend the one-day session.

➜ **Prime Minister Tony Blair** said Wednesday he doesn't plan to increase British forces in Iraq.

Scene from Basra: The suicide attacks were the worst to hit the largely Shiite Muslim city since the U.S.-led occupation began | Today's Post: Section A

General: 1 in 10 Iraqi Police Fought U.S.

WASHINGTON | About one in every 10 members of Iraq's security forces "actually worked against" U.S. troops during the recent militia violence, and an additional 40 percent walked off the job because of intimidation, the commander of the 1st Armored Division said Wednesday.

In an interview beamed by satellite from Baghdad to news executives attending the Associated Press annual meeting in Washington, Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey said the campaign in Iraq was at a critical point.

"We have to get this latest increase in violence under control," Dempsey said. "We have to take a look at the Iraqi security forces and learn why they walked."

The failure of Iraqi security forces to perform is significant because it could hurt the United States' overall exit strategy from Iraq, which is dependent on handing authority to Iraqis.

Officials have said the U.S. military would delay its withdrawal from parts of Iraq until Iraqi forces were ready to take control. (AP)

Car Bomb Hits Saudi Police Post

Week after U.S. issues warning, suicide attack leaves at least 4 dead

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | A suicide bomber attacked a security police building in the Saudi capital Wednesday, killing at least four other people and wounding 148, just days after the United States warned of a terrorist attack.

A Saudi Interior Ministry statement said attackers tried to drive one vehicle into the General Security building, the administrative headquarters of the Saudi domestic security service. The driver exploded the car 100 feet from the gate, an Interior Ministry official said.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the attack had the hallmarks of al Qaeda, which has used car bombs to carry out previous attacks in Riyadh.

The General Security building was severely damaged, along with a number of nearby homes. General Security officers have been on the front lines in a Saudi crackdown on Islamic militants, manning checkpoints and occasionally engaging in fire fights with suspects.

The United States last week ordered the departure of nonessential U.S. government employees and family members from Saudi Arabia, warning of "credible indications of terrorist threats aimed at American and Western interests in Saudi Arabia."

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Carol Kalin said no Americans were hurt in the bombing. (AP)

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World

Nuclear Informer Set Free in Israel

Vanunu spent 18 years in prison for treason after revealing secrets

ASHKELON, ISRAEL | A bitter and unrepentant Mordechai Vanunu walked out of prison Wednesday, 18 years after revealing Israel's nuclear secrets, saying he is proud of his actions and demanding Israel open its reactor to international inspection.

Vanunu waved to dozens of cheering anti-nuclear campaigners after his release from Shikma Prison in the coastal city of Ashkelon. In his first hours of freedom, the Christian convert sought refuge in a Jerusalem church.

Vanunu was a low-level technician at Israel's nuclear reactor in Dimona before he gave descriptions and photos of the plant to The Sunday Times of London in 1986, lifting the cloak off Israel's secret nuclear program. Using his information, experts said Israel had the world's sixth-largest stockpile of nuclear weapons.

A Mossad agent lured Vanunu to Rome, where he was snatched, brought to Israel by boat and tried for treason.

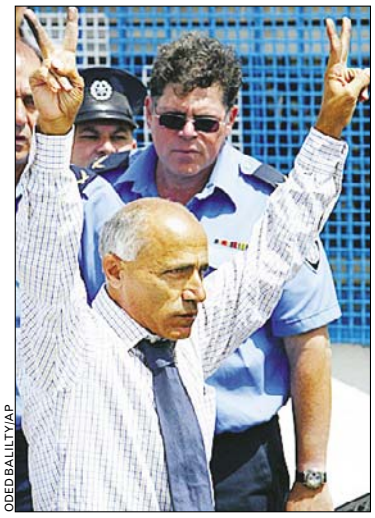
Many Israelis view Vanunu as a traitor, and groups of angry protesters gathered at the prison to curse at him upon his release.

"To all those who are calling me traitor, I am saying I am proud, I am proud and happy to do what I did," he said in heavily accented English. He refused to respond to questions in Hebrew in protest of restrictions Israel placed on him, including a ban on speaking to foreigners.

While Vanunu insists he has nothing else to reveal, Israeli officials insist he still possesses state secrets and will be monitored.

Because Israel is not party to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the International Atomic Energy Agency has no power to look into its nuclear program. The U.N. agency, however, is seeking dialogue with Israel.

GAVIN RABINOWITZ (AP)



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Mordechai Vanunu after his release Wednesday from a prison in Ashkelon.

'I am Mordechai Vanunu': Israelis finally hear from the country's most famous prisoner | Today's Post: Section A

BY THE NUMBERS: As tabloids continued to cover soccer star David Beckham's alleged affairs, a new poll in Britain found that 69% of respondents think the government should introduce a privacy law to protect public figures. (AP)

Pakistani Opium Farmers Stage Revolt

QUETTA, PAKISTAN | Hundreds of gun-toting farmers angered over the government's destruction of their opium crops blocked a major highway in Pakistan and burned two paramilitary vehicles and a U.N. car, officials said Wednesday.

The poppies, which are used to make heroin, were destroyed by police early Wednesday, said Col. Abdul Basit. Farmers armed with assault rifles then seized a highway near the Afghan border. When confronted by paramilitary forces, the farmers forced the officers from their vehicles and torched the jeeps, Basit said. The farmers also burned a car that belonged to a U.N. aid organization. No one was hurt.

The government sent troops to restore order, Basit said, and the farmers then dispersed. (AP)

Local

In Brief

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

4-Year-Olds Burned in Fire

Two 4-year-old boys were burned when the shed they were playing in exploded, authorities said Wednesday. Neighbors carried the children across the street where firefighters found them "conscious, with severe burns throughout their bodies," said Lt. Raul Castillo with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The cause of the blast was under investigation. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Senator's Wife Arraigned Following Mulch Dispute

The wife of Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., was arraigned on assault charges Wednesday in a dispute Tuesday with a woman who was having mulch loaded into her car at Johnson's Nursery in Washington, said D.C. police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile. Baucus was apparently upset that she wasn't getting help having some mulch loaded into her car and the other woman was. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Evening Pick 3	5-7-3
Mid-day Pick 4	8-7-5-6
Evening Pick 4	3-2-9-3
Match 5	2-4-6-7-30 Bonus: 37

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-8-2
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	9-4-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-8-9-8
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-0-7-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	7-12-19-24-28
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-11-15-30-34

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	12-22-37-46-48
Mega Ball	49

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Va. Legislature Bans Civil Unions

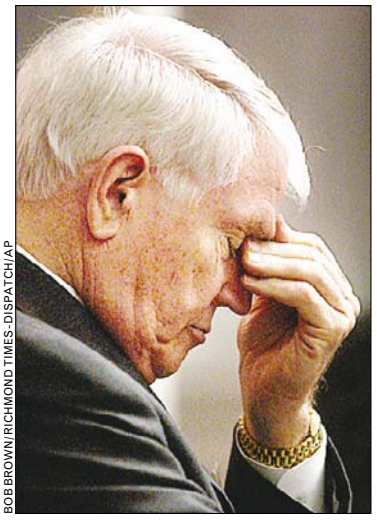
Warner's amendment tossed before houses easily pass measure

RICHMOND, VA. | The House and Senate on Wednesday rejected a gubernatorial amendment to a bill banning civil unions and other same-sex partnerships in Virginia, then passed the original measure by veto-proof margins.

The House passed the bill by a vote of 69-30, easily reaching the two-thirds margin necessary to override a potential veto. The Senate then passed the bill 27-12.

Gov. Mark R. Warner's amendment would have removed language from the bill prohibiting a "partnership contract or other arrangement" between people of the same sex, which Democrats said could invite constitutional challenges.

But bill sponsor Del. Robert Marshall said the sole intention of the bill was to prevent recognition of domestic partnerships that "bestow the privileges or obligations of marriage." The state's Affirmation of Marriage Act already bans same-sex marriages performed in other states from being recognized in Virginia.



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House of Delegates Minority Leader Franklin P. Hall reacts to civil union battle.

Del. Brian Moran asked Marshall to define the privileges of marriage and what types of contracts would fall under the bill, to which Marshall retorted, "I am not accountable for the gentleman's lack of enlightenment or understanding."

Warner maintained after the vote that he still believes the bill is unconstitutional. JUSTIN BERGMAN (AP)

21-Day Law: The Assembly blocked Gov. Warner's amendment on appeals for felons | Today's Post, Metro

Kellems Resigns Post As Public Safety Chief

WASHINGTON | The woman credited with helping to reorganize public safety agencies in the nation's capital announced Wednesday she is resigning.

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Margret Nedelkoff Kellems worked closely with the FBI, Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security to improve security for residents, visitors, and federal facilities including the White House and U.S. Capitol.

Kellems leaves June 6 to run the Washington area offices of Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc., an investment banking firm.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams told reporters that people walking around the city are safer as a result of Kellems's efforts in hiring hundreds of police officers and firefighters, and modernizing the 911 emergency network.

Kellems becomes the latest key figure to leave the Williams administration since last summer. Deputy Mayor John Koskinen left in September. The following month, Peter LaPorte, who ran the D.C. Emergency Management Agency, departed. Deputy Mayor Carolyn Graham, who oversaw the city's health and social service programs, resigned in January. (AP)

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Money

Hybrid-Car Sales See Boom

2003 registrations for gas-electric-powered automobiles rise 26%

DETROIT | Americans are opting more for vehicles with environmentally friendly hybrid engines, new statistics show, and that trend is expected to continue because of high gas prices and a growing number of hybrid models.

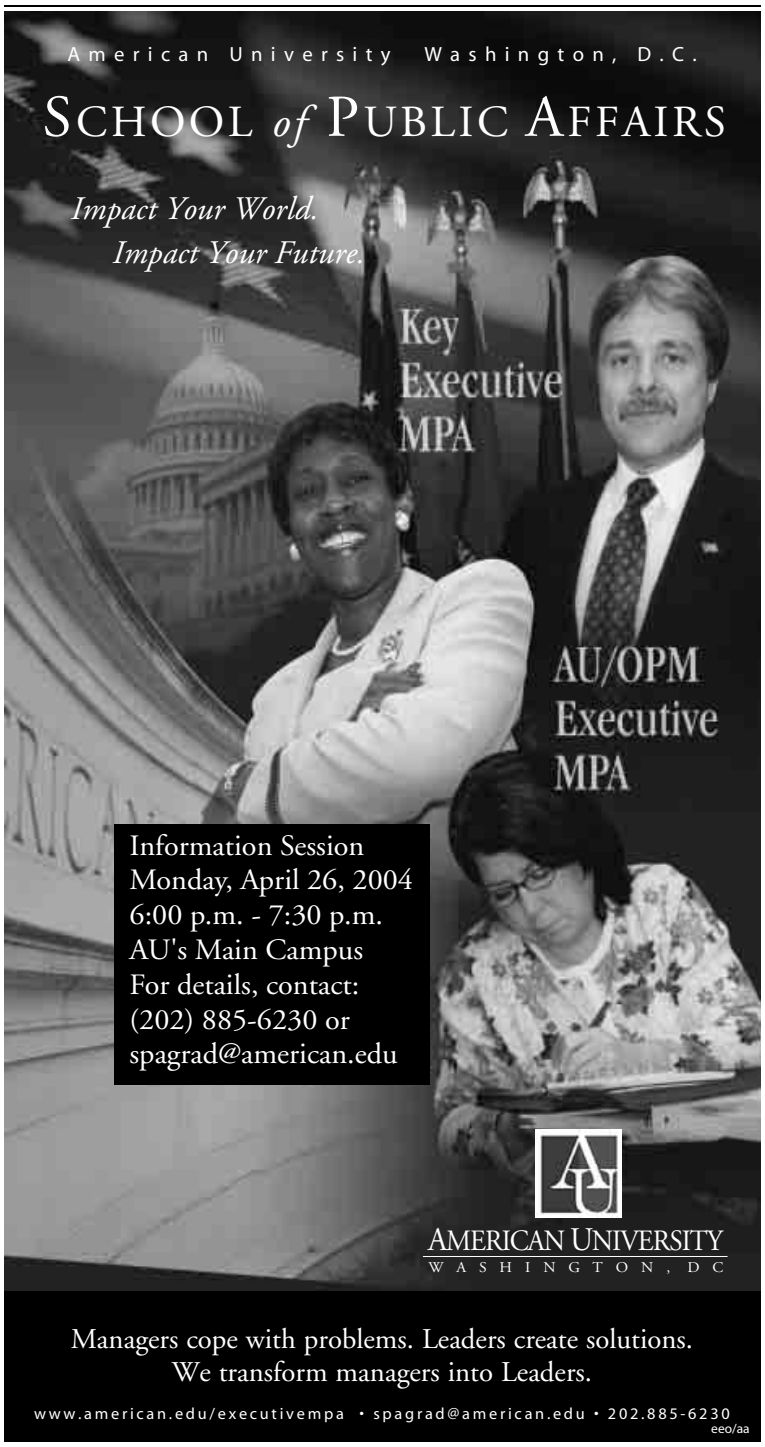
U.S. registrations for hybrid vehicles rose to 43,435 last year, a 25.8 percent increase from 2002, according to R.L. Polk & Co.

Since 2000, hybrid sales in the United States have grown at an average annual rate of 88.6 percent, Polk said, but they account for only a fraction of total vehicles sold. U.S. sales for 2003 were 16.7 million.

Hybrids draw power from two energy sources, typically a gas or diesel engine combined with an electric motor. For now, the only versions available in the United States are made by Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp., but nearly every automaker is investing in hybrid technology. (AP)

EARLY ADOPTERS
The top 10 states for hybrid vehicle registrations in 2003, according to R.L. Polk & Co.:

1 ..... California (11,425)
2 ..... Virginia (3,376)
3 ..... Florida (1,996)
4 ..... Washington (1,972)
5 ..... Maryland (1,851)
6 ..... New York (1,653)
7 ..... Texas (1,651)
8 ..... Illinois (1,502)
9 ..... Massachusetts (1,335)
10 ..... Pennsylvania (1,217)



Merrill Lynch Liable for $2.2M In Sex-Bias Suit

NEW YORK | An arbitration panel found that Merrill Lynch & Co. engaged in systematic discrimination against women in a decision that awarded $2.2 million to a former female broker.

The decision marks the first ruling against a Wall Street firm for systematic discrimination. Experts said the legal finding of a pattern at Merrill likely will pressure the firm to settle 39 other cases against it that stem from a class action suit filed against the company in 1997. (AP)

Greenspan to Congress: Rate Hikes Very Likely

As economy rebounds, threat of inflation to push interest rates up

DENNIS COOK/AP

Greenspan at Wednesday's hearing.

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday extra-low interest rates "must rise at some point" now that the economy is hitting its stride.

Testifying before Congress' Joint Economic Committee, Greenspan said that after a long stretch of subpar growth, the economy finally staged a significant rebound in the second half of last year and is expanding more vigorously now.

But with the economy rebounding, some companies are finding it easier to raise prices, he added.

"As I have noted previously, the federal funds rate must rise at some point to prevent pressures on price inflation from eventually emerging," Greenspan said.

Since last June, Greenspan and his policy-making colleagues at the central bank held that rate at 1 percent, the lowest since 1958. This rate is the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans. It the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity. (AP)

HEARSAY | A TAXING WAR

"That is a really pathetic gesture. Active-duty guard and reservists ... are the only people in this country who have been asked to sacrifice anything."

—REP. JOHN TANNER, D-TENN.
ARGUING WEDNESDAY IN FAVOR OF A BILL THAT WOULD LET NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE TROOPS TAP INTO RETIREMENT SAVINGS WITHOUT THE 10% PENALTY. THE HOUSE PASSED IT 415-0.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Motorola	19.30	+3.08	+19.0
MGM	19.75	+2.10	+11.9
MidwstAir	4.86	+.47	+10.7
FordM	14.94	+1.38	+10.2
Canwst g	8.55	+.73	+9.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SilcnGph	2.28	-.56	-19.7
DeVry	27.54	-4.56	-14.2
AlliGam	27.47	-3.38	-11.0
AffCmpS	48.69	-5.11	-9.5
NY Cmty s	26.28	-2.69	-9.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Forward	3.03	+.91	+42.9
KentFn	9.51	+2.55	+36.6
IvanhoeEn	2.94	+.62	+26.7
Vicor	16.42	+3.39	+26.0
EDP TM	2.60	+.52	+25.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Abatix	9.77	-6.93	-41.5
SentoCp	10.17	-3.22	-24.0
RadaElec	2.71	-.73	-21.2
Ultratech	16.05	-4.05	-20.1
MicrFlt	2.68	-.67	-20.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.97	0.92
2-year	2.17	2.09
10-year	4.43	4.37
30-year	5.23	5.16

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5636	.5579	.6404
Canadian Dollar	1.3589	1.3541	1.4539
European Euro	.8440	.8397	.9201
Japanese Yen	109.35	108.38	120.51
Mexican Peso	11.2920	11.3130	10.5210
Taiwanese Dollar	33.01	32.94	34.80

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+2.77	+17.00	+5.94
+0.03	+0.86	+0.53
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcBilVArg	13.09	-.08	-5.5
BcoSnCH	10.94	-.05	-8.9
BankOne	49.35	-.94	+8.2
Bk of Am	80.58	+.50	+.2
Barclay	36.35	+.01	...
CredSuiss	33.02	-.19	-9.1
DeutschBk	83.52	-.37	+1.6
HSBC	73.43	+.09	-6.8
JPMorgCh	37.68	-.86	+3.5
LloydTSB	30.70	+.06	-5.7
MitsuTkyo	9.44	-.16	+20.6
UBS AG	70.53	-.21	+3.7
US Bancrp	25.88	+.05	-11.9
Wachovia	45.28	+.90	-2.8
WellsFrgo	56.21	+.85	-4.6

Sports

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Baltimore	8	4	.667	—	3-2	5-2
Boston	8	5	.615	.5	5-3	3-2
New York	7	7	.500	2	3-2	4-5
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	3	5-5	0-2
Toronto	3	10	.231	5.5	0-7	3-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Minnesota	9	4	.692	—	6-1	3-3
Chicago	8	5	.615	1	3-1	5-4
Detroit	8	6	.571	1.5	3-3	5-3
Kansas City	5	8	.385	4	4-2	1-6
Cleveland	5	10	.333	5	3-5	2-5

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	8	6	.571	—	4-2	4-4
Anaheim	7	7	.500	1	3-4	4-3
Texas	7	7	.500	1	4-3	3-4
Seattle	6	8	.429	2	4-4	2-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Florida	9	4	.692	—	5-1	4-3
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2	6-3	1-3
New York	6	8	.429	3.5	3-5	3-3
Philadelphia	5	7	.417	3.5	4-2	1-5
Montreal	3	11	.214	6.5	1-5	2-6

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Houston	9	5	.643	—	4-4	5-1
Cincinnati	8	5	.615	.5	5-2	3-3
Chicago	8	6	.571	1	4-3	4-3
Pittsburgh	7	6	.538	1.5	2-2	5-4
St. Louis	7	7	.500	2	3-7	4-0
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	2.5	2-2	5-6

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Los Angeles	9	4	.692	—	4-2	5-2
San Diego	7	7	.500	2.5	5-4	2-3
Colorado	6	7	.462	3	3-1	3-6
San Francisco	6	8	.429	3.5	3-5	3-3
Arizona	4	9	.308	5	2-4	2-5

Standings through April 20 games.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | BICYCLE KICK

NACHO DOCE/REUTERS

'NOT BAD': Deportivo Coruna's Brazilian player Mauro Silva, right, unleashes an overhead kick in front of Porto's Carlos Alberto during the Champions League semifinal match in Portugal on Wednesday. The teams tied 0-0.

Brown Gets Nod as Coach of the Year

PRO BASKETBALL | Hubie Brown won the NBA Coach of the Year award Wednesday for leading the Memphis Grizzlies to a team-record 50 wins and their first playoff berth.

Brown — at 70, the oldest coach in the league — beat Utah's Jerry Sloan in a close vote. Brown also was honored as the top coach in the 1977-78 season with Atlanta.

Brown received 466 points, including 62 of 122 first-place votes, from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Sloan got 424 points, with 56 top votes. (AP)

NFL Teams Wait On Clarett Ruling

Ginsburg expected to decide on case before Saturday's NFL draft

NFL DRAFT | While Maurice Clarett and Mike Williams await word from the Supreme Court on whether they will be in this weekend's NFL draft, scouts, coaches and general managers are ready for whatever decision comes down.

"I think everybody has their boards set," said Gil Brandt, an NFL draft consultant and former Dallas Cowboys personnel director.

Clarett's lawyer expects Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to rule before Saturday's draft on whether the former Ohio State tailback and Williams, a former Southern California wide receiver, can enter the draft.

Clarett appealed a stay issued Monday by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, putting a hold on a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can't force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

Clarett

Most draft experts believe Williams is a first-round choice. But they say Clarett's ordinary 4.6-second time in the 40-yard dash could leave the running back undrafted until the third round.

Ginsburg is not bound by a deadline, even though the NFL draft begins Saturday. She can make a decision on her own or can refer the issue to the entire Supreme Court. On Wednesday she asked the NFL to file a response to Clarett's appeal by Thursday morning.

RUSTY MILLER (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Heading into Wednesday night's game against San Diego, San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds had hit a home run in seven straight games. The record is homering in eight consecutive games. (AP)

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Sports

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NFL Draft

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Washington Post staff writer **MARK MASKE** was online Wednesday to discuss the upcoming NFL draft.

I keep hearing tight end Kellen Winslow is this great fit in Joe Gibbs's offense, but as far as I can see, his impact is as an amazing hands receiver, not as a blocker.

Winslow is not as good a blocker as some of the tight ends that Gibbs has had in the past. But to say he's not the right fit for Gibbs's offense is to sell Gibbs short as a coach. A coach as accomplished as Gibbs would find a way to make the best use of a player as talented as Winslow.

Do you get any indication as to who the Redskins prefer — Winslow or Sean Taylor, or is it really a dead heat?

I think Taylor has the edge, maybe 60/40 in his favor.

If Eli Manning's last name was Smith instead of Manning, do you think he'd still be the No. 1 pick?

Yes. And everyone would be hoping he would be as good as his father, Archie Smith, and his brother, Peyton Smith. Seriously, I just don't know if there's any way of knowing.

Was the pickup of Corey Dillon by the Patriots as great as everyone here seems to think?

I think it was a good pickup, not necessarily a great one. I think he has two or three productive years left. You're giving up a likely starter when you trade a second-round pick, but New England could afford to do it because of the way they have stockpiled picks.

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Igor Olshansky, a native of the Ukraine and a former standout defender at Oregon, has impressed NFL scouts with his strength in workouts leading up to the draft.

From Ukraine With Size, Strength, Speed

Igor Olshansky aims to be first NFL player from former U.S.S.R.

NFL DRAFT | Igor Olshansky was just 15 but already a behemoth at 6-foot-5 and 245 pounds.

A high school football coach spotted him in the stands, watching a sport he was still learning eight years after emigrating from Ukraine.

"I put him up against a wall and spoke for 30 minutes," recalled Vince Tringali, the head coach of St. Ignatius in San Francisco. "I told him, 'You have to get out there. If you keep growing, you'll be worth a lot of money.'"

That prediction could soon prove true: Olshansky has parlayed his rare combination of strength, size and speed to shoot up the draft board in recent weeks, becoming a possible first-round sleeper in this weekend's NFL draft.

According to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, he would be the first player born in the former Soviet Union in the NFL.

Despite his 58 tackles and being named the University of Oregon's top defensive lineman for the second straight year, many questioned why he left school after his junior season. Some say he could have been a high first-round pick had he stayed one more year. However, Olshansky said he was motivated by the chance to help his parents financially and the belief he could be a first-rounder already. JOSH DUBOW (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on TNT) New Jersey can take a 3-0 series lead with a win over playoff foe New York.

PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on TNT) Memphis tries to make it a 2-1 playoff series with a win against San Antonio.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) Kurt Ainsworth pitches for the Orioles against Damian Moss of the Devil Rays.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) Calgary and Detroit start their playoff series.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 on ESPN2) Toronto and Philadelphia hit the ice for the playoff series.

PRO HOCKEY (10 p.m. on ESPN2) Game 1 of the Colorado-San Jose playoff series.

Sports

Changes Abound In NHL Playoffs

Last year's final four of hockey are long gone as postseason resumes

NHL PLAYOFFS | As soon as Toronto forward Joe Nieuwendyk slipped two long shots past Ottawa's Patrick Lalime, the transformation of the Stanley Cup playoffs was complete.

With the Senators gone, none of last year's league semifinalists made it to the second round in 2004.

Of the eight remaining clubs this year, only the Tampa Bay Lightning and Philadelphia Flyers got this far a year ago. And both have a great chance to get to the next round because they will be well rested by the time they hit the ice again.

Philadelphia knocked out the New Jersey Devils in five games, and the top-seeded Lightning did the same to the New York Islanders. Now they'll each face teams that were stretched to the seven-game limit.

The Flyers will get the Maple Leafs and the Lightning will face sixth-seeded Montreal.

In the West, Colorado and San Jose advanced to a second-round matchup with five-game wins over Dallas and St. Louis.

Detroit beat Nashville in six games and will take on the Calgary Flames, which outlasted Vancouver in seven. IRA PODELL (AP)

CYCLING | VICTOR

G. MARC BENAVIDEZ/THE LEDGER-ENQUIRER/AP

LINE CROSSED: Italian Mario Cipollini raises his hands after winning the second stage of the Tour de Georgia Wednesday.

Bryant Defense Denied Access to Medical Records

DENVER | The judge in the Kobe Bryant case dealt a blow to the defense Wednesday, barring access to the medical records of the 19-year-old woman accusing the NBA star of rape.

Judge Terry Ruckriegle said no witness during three hearings convinced him that the woman had waived her confidentiality rights by telling others about her medical conditions and treatment.

Ruckriegle also threw out defense subpoenas issued to three health-care providers seeking records.

Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted. He said he had consensual sex with the woman. (AP)

Card Games Land Cornerback in Jail

GAMBLING | Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Fuller was charged with hosting high-stakes card games at his Tallahassee, Fla., house, the site of a shootout three months ago.

He was released on $5,000 bail Tuesday night after a search warrant was served at the house. The felony charge carries a possible five-year state prison sentence and $5,000 fine.

State law allows card players to gamble up to $10 a hand, but sheriff's spokeswoman Linda Butler said Wednesday some pots were worth thousands of dollars, and games were held several times a week.

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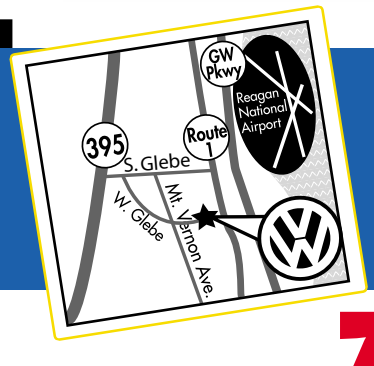

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JOHN CLARK

THREE OF A KIND: After six albums and a million ecstatic reviews, S-K has yet to crack the pop mainstream, where the band's urgent messages are sure to be garbled.

Olympia Warriors

The post-grunge grrrls of Sleater-Kinney keep rioting for rock equity

MUSIC | With women like Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs taking the rock scene by storm, you might wonder when the beloved all-female punk trio Sleater-Kinney, playing an early show Thursday night at the 9:30 Club, is going to make its stab at fame.

Don't hold your breath.

Named after a highway exit in their home state of Washington, the fiercely independent womyn of Sleater-Kinney — singers/guitarists Carrie Brownstein and Corin Tucker, drummer Janet Weiss — were some of the founding grandmothers, along with Bikini Kill, of the marvelously titled riot grrrl movement.

The bands were initially formed in the early '90s as an outraged reaction to the male-dominated world of indie rock.

While the '90s were an enormous decade for women in rock, you'd never mistake Sleater-Kinney for chart toppers like Sarah McLachlan or Natalie Merchant. Uncompromisingly punk in both their music and their ethics, Sleater-Kinney has spent more than a decade fuming about peace and injustice.

This is the kind of band that opens for Pearl Jam in front of an enormous military audience and launches into a tirade against the Iraq war. Beer bottles and rotten produce be damned.

After three howlingly anthemic albums with songs like "I Wanna Be Your Joey Ramone" earned it a devoted underground following, Sleater-Kinney was expected to explode with its fourth LP.

"The Hot Rock" from 1999 was a dense release that snubbed its nose at the crippling hype surrounding the trio and revealed what their fans already knew: Sleater-Kinney would play the music game on their own terms.

Subject of the I'm-cooler-than-you-are 2001 documentary "Songs for Cassavetes," Sleater-Kinney has transcended the narrow riot grrrl tag and firmly cemented itself in the broader indie community.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for Sleater-Kinney's performance. After clearing out the house (they check the bathroom stalls for stragglers, trust us), the equally socially conscious hip-hop legends Jurassic 5 hit the stage at 10 p.m. Anyone else smell a great collaboration brewing?

PETER DENTON

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with The Thermals, Thu., April 22, 6 p.m., $12; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Top Stops

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Lights, Camera, D.C.: Filmfest Comes to Town

The D.C. International Film Festival kicks into high gear this weekend. Highlights of this year's lineup include a "Politics in Film" series, "Global Rhythms" and "Argentinean Cinema Now!" Among the festival's free programs are "Filmfest D.C. for Kids" and "Cinema for Seniors." And as always, panels, workshops and special guests.

At various venues through May 2; tickets for most screenings are $9; please see filmfeestdc.org for details.

Growing Awareness: Bilal at Lincoln Theatre

Bilal can be lumped among the neo-soul crowd for expedience's sake, but the Philadelphia native is tough to pin down. A jazz fiend whose scatting and big-band expertise enliven his own work as well of that of name stars (notably Common and Jill Scott), he's also a truth-teller as willing to peer into the depths of his soul as he is to face the abyss.

Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; with Dwele; Sat., April 24, 8 p.m., $38.50; 202-432-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

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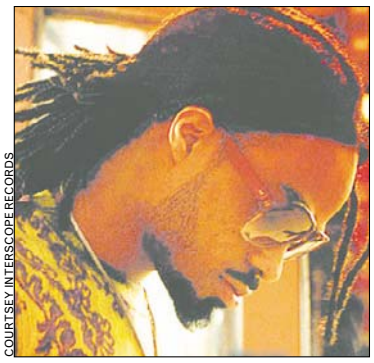

COURTSEY INTERSCOPE RECORDS

Bilal's 2001 album, "1st Born Second," took the evolved-soul world by storm.

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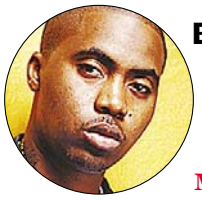

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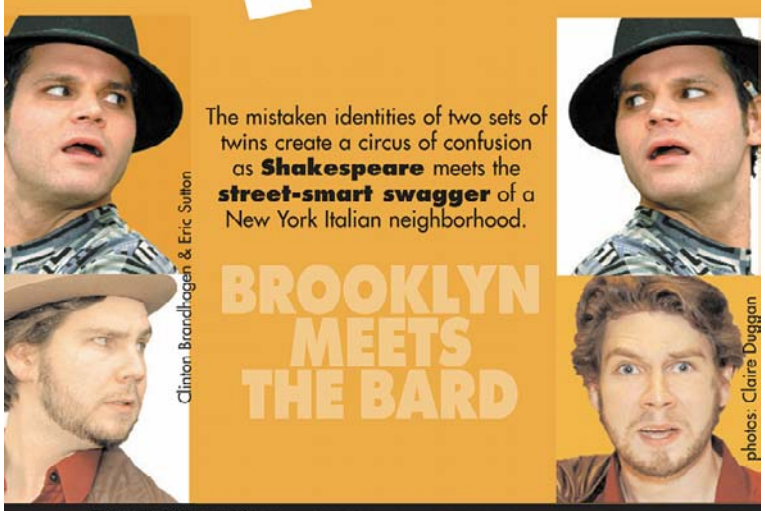

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Weapon of Choice

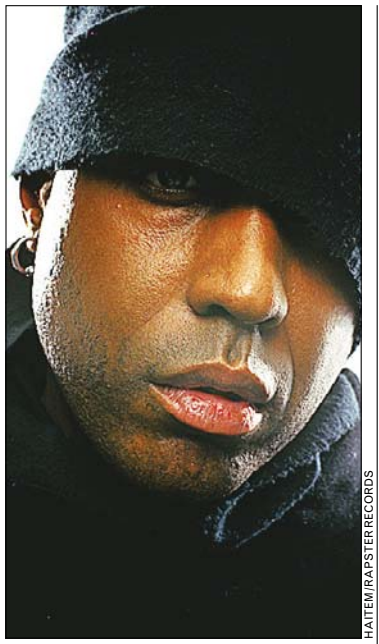
London's Omar wields everything from funk to bossa

MUSIC | Neo-soul didn't arrive with D'Angelo and his cornrows in 1995, contrary to popular opinion. Back when you were still doing the running man in your Cross Colours jacket — yes, you — Omar was across the pond drafting the blueprint of future soul.

Any attempts to describe him as a musical marriage would sound absurd: Cameo meets Seal. Marvin Gaye meets Soul II Soul. See?

Suffice it to say that Omar is an eccentric who wields dub, doo-wop, jazz, gospel, bossa, funk and soul as his weapons of choice. Besides, anybody who writes an anti-love song ("This Is Not a Love Song") can't be all bad.

Just re-released stateside, his latest album, "Best By Far," has a discernible retro cocktail motif.



HAITEM/RAPSTER RECORDS

Omar knows you did the running man in a Cross Colours jacket — admit it.

No, seriously. Five albums deep, Omar is still soul music's best-kept secret, and with scant airplay, he's doomed to be one of the artists you only hear about through a friend of a friend.

Apparently, there are enough friends and Okayplayers (who got a taste on Common's "Electric Circus") out there to command regular appearances in New York and Atlanta.

And now, thanks to the good folks at Groove Gumbo, Washingtonians will get their first ever look at Omar this very Sunday.

Consider this a tip from a friend of a friend. CELESTE DAWN MITCHELL

Groove Gumbo at Club Five, 1214 B 18th St. NW; Sun., April 25, 8 p.m., $15 in advance, $20 at the door; 202-331-7123. (Farragut North)

ROAD TRIP: The arists in "Flat Earth" aren't making fun of the Flat Earth Society, whose bonkers tenets inspired them, but still. See the world in 2-D at Area 405, 405 Oliver St., Baltimore, Md., opens Sat.; 410-528-2101.

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Comedy Is Pretty

OUT & ABOUT | As a great American once noted, "Comedy is not pretty." Vijai Nathan, on the other hand, is mighty easy on the eyes. But as a standup comic, and American-born daughter of Indian immigrants, she has to weather not just lousy gigs and bad pay, but also seriously dumb hecklers.

Heckler: "Whoo! Keep it going for the Cherokee!" Nathan: "Sir, I'm not the kind of Indian with bows and arrows. I'm the kind with unlimited access to nuclear weaponry."

That comeback only works with adults, unfortunately. Nathan's gradeschool peers just told her to go back to her own country. (Ha ha.) As a young comic, talent agents told her she was too Indian. Or not Indian enough. So she initially wrote jokes about topics familiar to unhyphenated Americans: dating, sex, TV. All things she knew little about.

Vijai Nathan has a mouth on her — and possibly nuclear weaponry.

COURTESY OF VIJAI NATHAN

But like comics Chris Rock and Margaret Cho, Nathan learned to mine the stereotypes for laughs. Suddenly, the jokes clicked. She quit her job, canceled her wedding and hit the comedy circuit. Needless to say, her parents were appalled.

And therein lies that other bottomless well of hilarity: the family. Old world plus new world equals comedy. And the first-generation kids in the audience are clearly and vocally appreciative of her show, "Good Girls Don't, But Indian Girls Do." Crazy parents, however, are crazy across all lines of creed and culture. BOB MASSEY

Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Sat., Apr. 24, 9 p.m. $20. 703-228-1850. (Rosslyn)

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Beyond Woody: Woodpecker Hike

If your woodpecker knowledge comes from cartoons, be amazed by the Great Falls Park Woodpecker Hike: A park ranger points out the different varieties of wood-pecking cacklers that dwell in the park.

9200 Old Dominion Drive, Great Falls, Va.; Sat., April 24, 2 p.m., free with reservations; 703-285-2965.

Fun to Spell and Say: Einsturzende Neubauten

German art students making confrontationally ugly industrial rock never goes out of style. Until it does. In which case Einsturzende Neubauten just keeps hammering away. Bang, bang!

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., April 23, 9 p.m., $25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

RAS RECORDS

Israel Vibration harmonizes on issues of struggle, love, faith and affirmation.

Good Vibrations: Reggae at the State

Cecil "Skelly" Spence and Lacelle "Wiss" Bulgin's affirmative reggae takes center stage this weekend. The originally Jamaican twosome that makes up Israel Vibration plays a show with Soldiers of Jah Army, the Washington-based five-piece band fronted by a Hammond organ thick with vibe.

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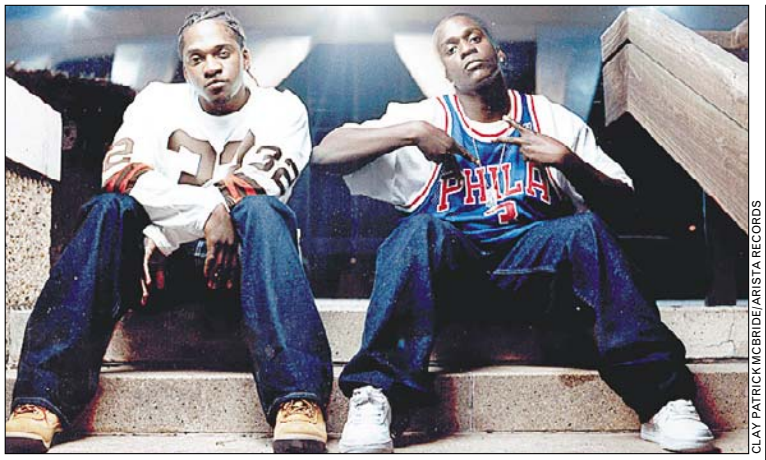


CLAY PATRICK MCBRIDE/ARISTA RECORDS

HOMECOMING: Take a StarTrak on the Neptunes and prepare for the Clipse.

Virginia Grown

MUSIC | In 2002 Malice and Pusha T, otherwise known as the Clipse, entered the mainstream rap game Stage South — that is, via the mean streets of Virginia. Thursday night, the rap duo is brought back to the metro area by way of University of Maryland's 4th annual Hip-hop Conference.

Monday, the conscientious wordsmith and rap legend KRS-One opened the festivities with a lecture on hip-hop's rise and cultural significance; Thursday night brothers Gene and Terrence Thornton — Malice and Pusha T, respectively — promise to close the festivities with mics-on demonstrations of an MC's impact.

Flowing to you straight from from their hit debut album, "Lord Willin,'" and this year's "Hell Hath No Fury" are tales from the streets; complete with all the usual suspects — gangstas, pimps, sex and violence. And drugs; lots and lots of drugs. Why watch "Scarface" when you can listen to the Clipse? Mature audiences only, please!

For a mere $2 to $5, roll with Clipse and U of M's Black Student Union, which sponsors the show, through a side of Virginia you may never have known. Float with them on a Star Trak production of flawless Neptunes beats. God is good. DARONA WILLIAMS

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland; Thu., April 22, 7 p.m.; 301-314-9845.

Ne Plus Ultraman

Cereal Bowl Cinema brings sweet, crunchy cartoon heroes to life

OUT & ABOUT | Who is 40 meters tall, silver and red and shoots a deadly Specium ray from his crossed arms to save the earth from Japanese men dressed in rubber monster costumes?

Well, it's Ultraman — duh.

If you guessed the answer, Cereal Bowl Cinema is for you and your maturity-impaired friends. That's the film (and sometimes video game) series at the Warehouse Next Door that brings back all those sugar-tweaked Saturday morning faves from yesteryear. The ones that seemed super awesome then and now seem completely ridiculous and utterly sublime.

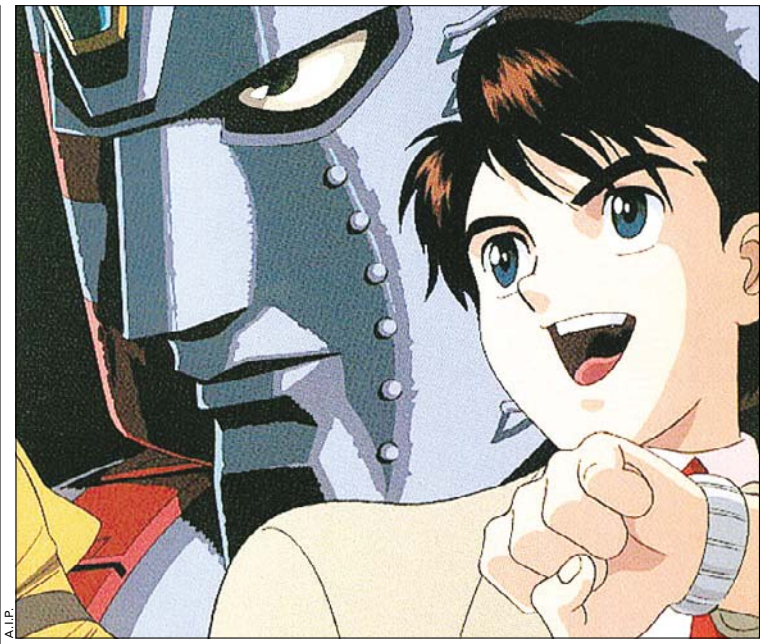
As you may recall, Ultraman crashes to earth in pursuit of a space monster. He inadvertently kills Hayata, one of the Science Patrollers. His superior space conscience troubled, Ultraman resurrects Hayata by merging lives with him.

Then every week when Hayata's Science Patrol gets attacked by giant mutant space dinosaurs and whatnot, Ultraman appears. For three minutes. Because the atmosphere doesn't agree with his delicate space constitution. Or something. Look, it's a Japanese comic, OK?

Joining Ultraman at Cereal Bowl Cinema is Johnny Sokko and his Giant Robot. The plot lines are pretty much the same as Ultraman except the Giant Robot has a pharaoh-like head. And Johnny Sokko and his pal Gerry ride in the palm of Giant Robot as he flies along. They fight giant mutant space dinosaurs and whatnot.

You get the drill. It is super awesome. The main difference at the Warehouse is that Mom never served adult beverages during Saturday cartoons (one hopes). But BYO sugar-saturated cereal, kids. BOB MASSEY

Warehouse Next Door, 1021 7th St. NW; Sat, Apr. 24, 8 p.m., free. 202-783-3933. (Mt. Vernon Square/Convention Center)



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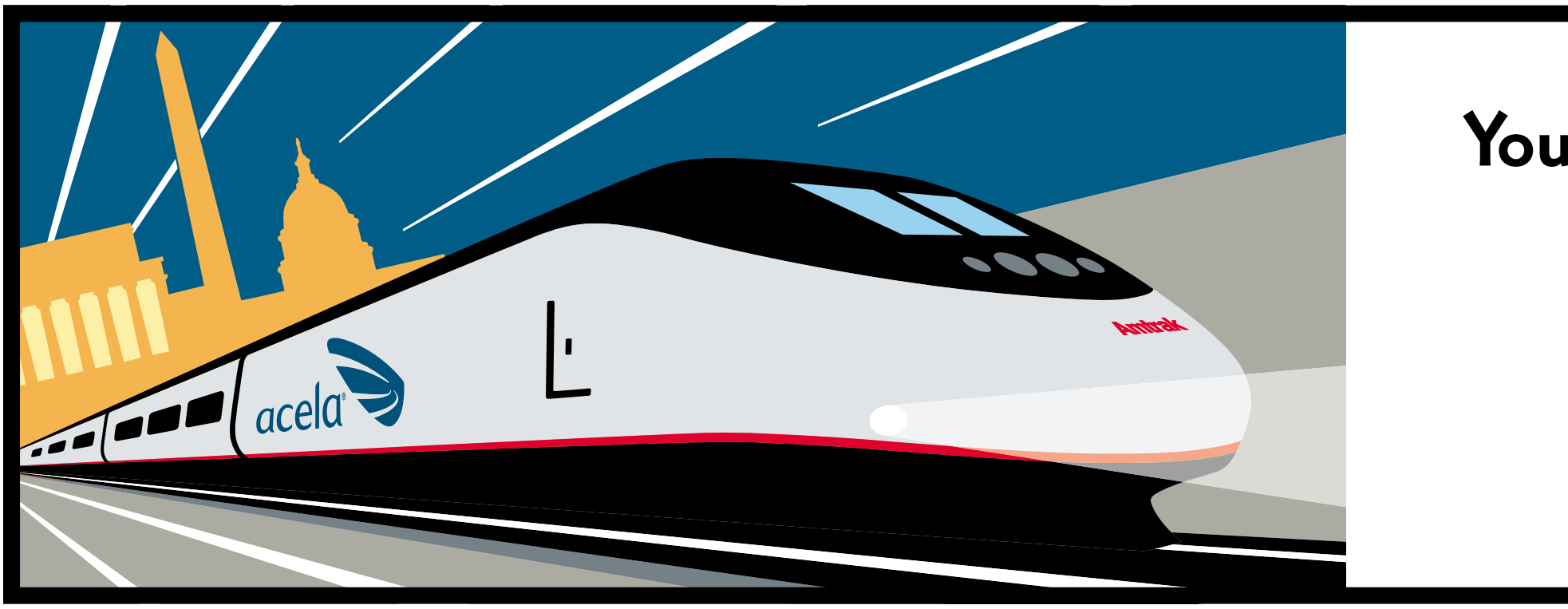
YOU ARE SUPER AWESOME, JOHNNY: Johnny Sokko and Giant Robot do ... stuff.



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OUT & ABOUT | SHE SO CRAZY

JASON PLOTKIN/AP

SAY ANYTHING: Margaret Cho is the most perverse, perversely funny comedian ever to imitate her own mother asking, "Whassa 'Ass-Master'?" The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri.-Sun., April 23-25, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 8 p.m. (Sun.); 202-432-7328. (Tenleytown)

Playing Together

The Trachtenburg Family Players have fond-ue memories

MUSIC | It sounds like a Brady Bunch episode gone horribly wrong. Let's have a slideshow! And write songs about the slides! And make a lot of money and be stars!

Except the Brady Bunch were fake. The Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players are real, and their idea has gone undeniably right.

The Trachtenburgs are dad Jason on organ, mom Tina on slides and 10-year-old Rachel on drums. Plus a whole slew of other people's memories rescued from estate sales and thrift stores.

Their charming, disarming pop songs are the toast of their home turf, Brooklyn, and other hipster enclaves around the country.

It makes perfect sense the Trachtenburgs would lend their unique talent to raise money for Woolly Mammoth's new theater facility, currently under construction. A cocktail reception, auctions and dinner precede the trio.

The Trachtenburg's debut CD includes Quicktime files that simulate the slideshow for home viewers. But the song titles nearly speak for themselves — and the slides they're based on: "Fondue Friends in Switzerland," "Mountain Trip to Japan, 1959," "Wendy's, Sambo's, and Long John Silvers."

It must be said, however, that matching outfits never hurt.

BOB MASSEY

Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., Apr. 24, 6 p.m., $275-$5,000; 202-393-3939. (Dupont Circle)

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HOME-SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK: Jason, Tina and little Rachel rock out in a family way.

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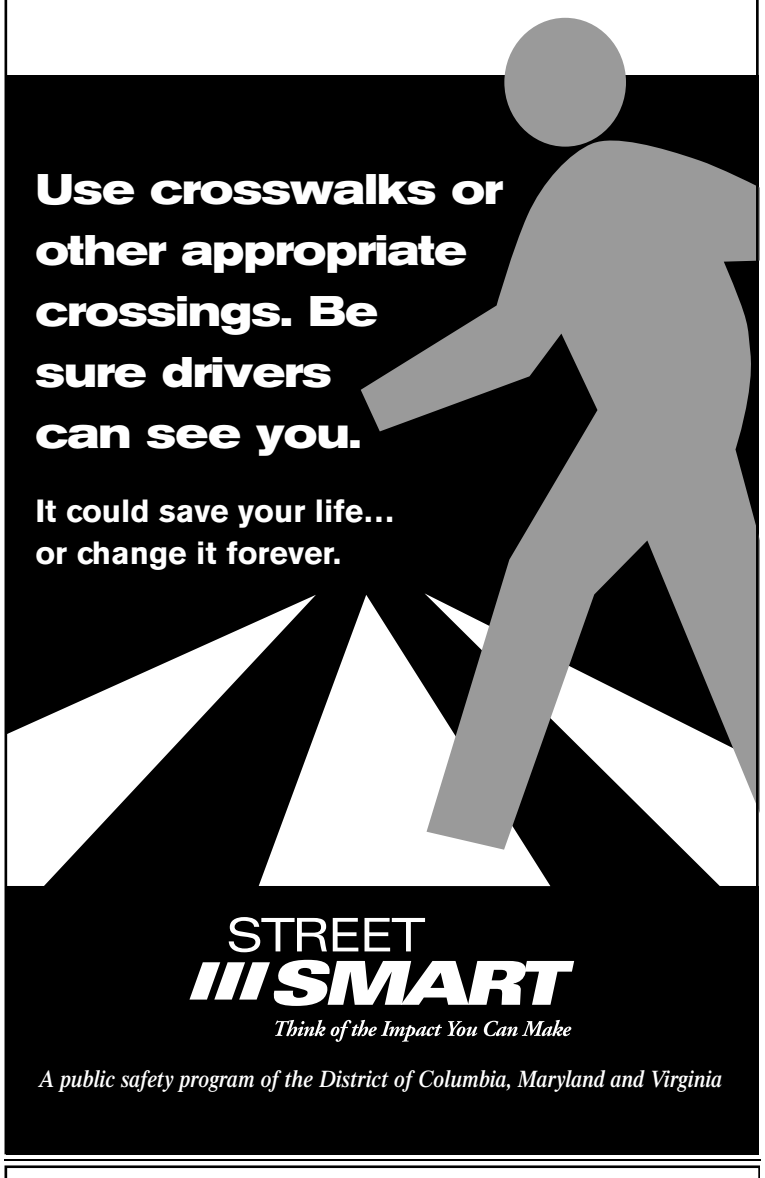

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COURTESY KOSHLAND SCIENCE MUSEUM

D.C.'S GOLDEN LAB: The global-warming exhibit includes high-tech representations of temperature changes and carbon-dioxide emissions all over the planet.

Science Goes Public

OPENINGS | D.C. doesn't suffer from a dearth of museums, heaven knows, but when an idea is as cool as this one, what's one more cavernous space in which tourists and locals young and old can be informed and entertained?

The Marian Koshland Science Museum rolls out the red carpet this weekend for a gala grand opening that promises to be only slightly more glamorous than its daily existence.

Sure, there will be live entertainment, hands-on science activities and all kind of high-muckety-mucks of science in attendance. But take away the muckety-mucks and the live entertainment (including a jaw-dropping performance from the Velocity Stilts — acrobats who know too much about high-performance artificial limbs), and you're left with the aforementioned interactive exhibits, as well as a rich array of permanent and temporary displays.

The museum wants to link the hard facts of science with the public policy to which it is applied — after all, behind almost every controversial issue from public-health questions to urban planning is a bundle of scientific research.

"Wonders of Science" takes center stage as Koshland's permanent exhibit, and the two inaugural exhibits are "Global Warming Facts & Our Future" (one hands-on activity allows visitors to "flood" the Chesapeake Bay) and "Putting DNA to Work," which looks at DNA mapping in a variety of cases, from tracking SARS to use by criminal forensics teams.

So after the trumpet-blaring of the Koshland's opening weekend, the museum will be available for a less public perusal of its offerings. And you just might learn something. (EXPRESS)

Marian Koshland Science Museum, 6th and E streets NW; grand opening Fri., April 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., gala is free; 202-334-1201. (Judiciary Square)

Children's Film Program

Friday, April 23, and
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THE WIZARD OF OZ

Come see a rare dye-transfer print of this film classic from the MGM archives. The National Gallery's children's film program and seventh-grade media production students from Eastern Middle School in Silver Spring, Maryland, have teamed up to research the similarities and differences between the classic 1939 MGM production of *The Wizard of Oz* and L. Frank Baum's book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Students will discuss their findings before each screening.

Film still from *The Wizard of Oz*
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Earth to 'Jumping Joe'

LECTURE | Quick — who's the man who fell to earth? David Bowie? Hardly. The Thin White Duke would never scuff his cufflinks.

Try high-altitude balloonist Col. Joe Kittinger, who speaks of his life of derring-do Thursday night at the National Air and Space Museum.

On Aug. 16, 1960, Kittinger took the helium-filled Excelsior III to 102,800 feet and exited the gondola, returning to earth via multi-stage parachute. Free-falling for four minutes and 36 seconds, he broke the sound barrier — without an airplane. Almost 14 minutes after stepping free of his craft, he landed safely on the ground. No one had done this before. No one has equaled it since.

U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM

A pilot's-eye view of "Jumping" Joe Kittinger making his signature move.

The "Long, Lonely Leap" made Kittinger a legend in aviation circles, but his career was far from over. He did three tours in Vietnam, flying 483 missions before being shot down and spending 11 months in the Hanoi Hilton.

After retiring from the Air Force, Jumping Joe kept flying. In 1984, he completed the first solo balloon crossing of the Atlantic. He's been a barnstormer, a skywriter — and the only guy who can tell folks what it's like to plummet to the ground from nearly 20 miles up. GLENN DIXON

National Air and Space Museum, 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; Thu., Apr. 22, 8 p.m., free; 202-633-2398. (L'Enfant Plaza)

OUT & ABOUT | HAVE A SEAT

STEPHEN PERRIN

PRETTY CRAFTY: Stephen Perrin's hanging chairs are among the studio crafts on display and for sale at the annual Smithsonian Craft Show. National Building Museum, 400 F St. NW; Thu.-Sun., $12; $11 seniors, Smithsonian Associates; children under 12 free; 202-272-2448.

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Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Fri., April 23, 7 p.m., $39-$69; 202-432-7328.

SCI-FI CHANNEL

You are getting sleepy ... so very sleepy.

TopStops

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Art Gets Grounded: Blonde Redhead

Any band founded by Japanese art-school students and Italian twins is going to be ... different. Blonde Redhead is still arty, but has grown more graceful and emotionally vulnerable.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu.-Fri., $13; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Centuries of Dance: Tehreema Mitha

Pakistani-born dancer and choreographer Tehreema Mitha combines classical Bharata Natyam (Indian dance) with contemporary dance styles to craft signature works for his eponymous dance company.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., April 24, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

AABVAANBARRON

East meets West in the century-spanning dance works of Tehreeema Mitha.

They Are the WTC: Compu-Pop at Black Cat

Daniel Geller and Amy Dykes are I Am the World Trade Center and yes, the band was titled before the events that brought those buildings into international prominence. The couple assemble their dreamy, delicious pop soundscapes largely with the help of computers, but the result is as organic as true love.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW: Sun., April 25, 9 p.m., $5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

March & Music: 9:30 Welcomes Activists

Musical get-togethers abound this weekend as pro-choice activists hit the town. 9:30 Club's NARAL Pro-Choice America and Punkvoter-sponsored early Saturday features Lunachicks with The Butchies and Washington Social Club. Sunday night it's a Planned Parenthood After Party Thank You concert with Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Sandra Bernhard, The Clicks, The Whips, The Casual Dots and the Lascivious Biddies, hosted by D.C.'s own Poem-Cees.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., April 24, 5:30 p.m., $10; Sun., 7 p.m., $25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Catch the Draft: Redskins Party

The fun is free, the parking is free, and you're not gonna believe this, but it's a Redskins event. Yes, the annual NFL Draft Day Party cuts loose on FedEx Field's Club Level this weekend. 'Skins players and alumni will drop in and out, concessions will be sold at a discounted rate and the Redskins Cheerleaders and the marching band will perform as the 2004 NFL draft unfolds in all its pricey glory on more than 100 flat-screen TVs.

FedEx Field, Sat., April 24, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., free; invitation available from redskins.com.

California Dreaming

The quirky di Rosa art collection makes a cameo

MUSEUMS | Say you hit 40 and a beefy inheritance drops in your lap. You might take a swipe at the Great American Novel. But what if that had already failed?

You could do worse than Rene di Rosa, who became a Napa winegrower who amassed the formidable collection of Bay Area art sampled in "The True Artist Is an Amazing Luminous Fountain," now on view at the Kreeger Museum, the show's only stop outside California.

The postwar NoCal scene was everything the East Coast art world wasn't: figurative instead of abstract, quirky instead of doctrinaire, half-baked instead of overcooked.

Curator Jack Rasmussen's show is uneven (there was no need to transport the anxious neo-expressionism of Squeak Carnwath across state lines), but it earns its keep with a handful of exceptional pieces.

It's a sign of the distance from New York that several are ceramics, among them Clayton Bailey's cartoonish and anatomically correct "Male Chair" and James Melchert's "Yield (in Red) #1 (Phoenix Series)," fashioned from broken tiles whose chipped corners were marked with red glaze before the fragments were reassembled into a piece that exhibits all the freshness and restraint of a Japanese ink drawing.

GLENN DIXON

Kreeger Museum, 2401 Foxhall Road NW; opens Friday, April 23, through July 31; 202-338-3552.

COURTESY DI ROSA PRESERVE

TINKERY TOYS: Roy de Forests's whimsical "El Hombre Grande" goes on display.

Still Illmatic; Much Wiser

MUSIC | Ten years ago Nasir Jones dropped a stone classic of hip-hop, "Illmatic." It was his debut record.

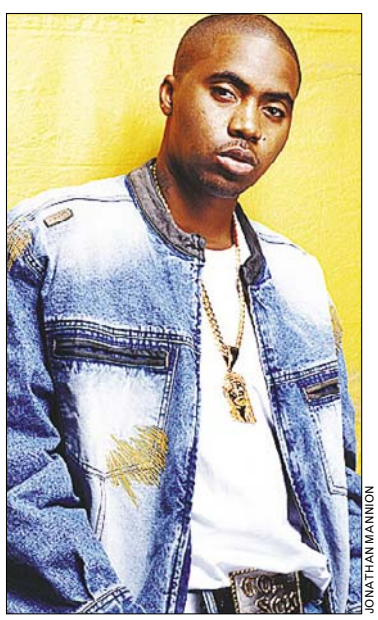
Known to the world as Nas, the son of jazz trumpeter Olu Dara left school early. But his storytelling sense thrived on the hard-knock life in his rough New York neighborhood. Erudite, arrogant and possessed of a blazing flow, with "Illmatic" Nas spun a street-level narrative that often switched between sagacity and hubris in mid-sentence. The hip-hop world was awed — for a time.

By 2001, however, Nas's career had lost visibility and cred. It took a public challenge from Jay-Z to jolt the former maestro from his reverie. In response to the diss in Jay-Z's single, "Takeover," Nas came back swinging with strong new singles and guest appearances with Brandy, J-Lo and Ja Rule.

Now Nas visits Dream to show off his game. His new double disc revises history with a remastered "Illmatic" plus new remixes. It's just to whet the appetite for his new double album, "Street's Disciple," due in July.

The album promises an older and wiser Nas. The ghosts of Tupac and Biggie no longer rattle their chains; squabbles with Jay-Z are behind him. He continues collaborating with a who's-who of hitmakers — OutKast, Alicia Keys, Kelis, and producers Pete Rock, Swizz Beatz and Large Professor. Sounds like a happy anniversary. BOB MASSEY

Dream, 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., April 23, 6 p.m., $20; 202-636-9030.



JONATHAN MANNION

Nas has gone from hip-hop phenom to forgotten man to street-tested vet.

LIVE MUSIC | AHEAD BY A SHELL

SAVERIO TRUGLIA

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? The multi-instrumentalists of Tortoise are the MacGyvers of the Chicago indie/art-rock scene, hooked into all manner of bands and side projects when not making their own bizarrely eclectic "post rock." 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., April 24, 10:30 p.m., $16; 202-265-0930.

HEADS UP: Five restaurants open their doors for the Taste of Georgetown Culinary Dine-Around; 10 dishes will be presented. Begins at Bangkok Bistro, 3251 Prospect St. NW; Sun., April 25, 2 p.m., $39; 202-244-3700.

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OUT & ABOUT | DUBIOUS GEORGE

CAESAR CHAVES

MONKEY SEE, MONKEY READ: The Bethesda Literary Festival, coming Fri.-Sun., April 23-25, is anything but bookish. In addition to many readings, the annual wordfest features poetry slams, kids' events, book appraisals, even cooking tips. It's held at various venues, so check bethesda.org for details.

HEADS UP: Go wild this spring with help from some experts. For its annual Wildflower Celebration, Wheaton's best-tended secret offers a plant sale, tours of the grounds and a lecture on regional wildflowers. Brookside Gardens, Visitors Center Adult Classroom, 1800 Glenallen Driuve, Wheaton, Md., Sat., April 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free; 301-962-1451.

It's Cool Up North

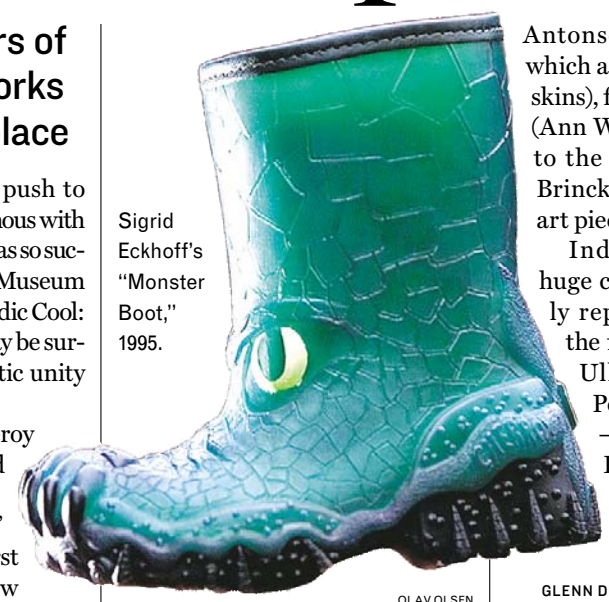
Women designers of Scandinavia's works are all over the place

MUSEUMS | The postwar push to make Scandinavia synonymous with economically lined design was so successful that viewers of the Museum of Women in the Arts' "Nordic Cool: Hot Women Designers" may be surprised at the lack of stylistic unity in evidence.

Curator Jordana Pomeroy explains that she "selected objects of quality and let themes suggest themselves," the result being that the first contemporary design show in the museum's 17-year history is rather scattershot.

The 240 objects on display run from the classic (Nanny Still's "Harlekiini" glassware) to the newly minted (Dogg Gudmundsdottir and Fanney Antonsdottir's "Cod Lamps," which are, yes, illuminated fish skins), from the mass-produced (Ann Wolff's snowball votives) to the one-of-a-kind (Jaana Brinck's reindeer-bone-china art piece "The Habitat").

Individual artisans and huge corporations are equally represented, but among the former, nobody touches Ulla Pohjola and Helena Pohjola's "Jupiter's Bride — Illumination Wedding Dress," a fiber-optic-outfitted felt gown that glows with a constellation of violet pinpricks.



Sigrid Eckhoff's "Monster Boot," 1995.

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Ask Tom

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

My fiance and I were in jeans in Dupont Circle on a recent Friday evening, and every time we started for a restaurant, the host/hostess would shoot us a nasty look. Must we always dress to the nines?

Gosh, I can think of plenty of places that would have been happy to have you as a guest ... what exactly were you two wearing? I do think a certain amount of decorum is nice, as in, no ripped T-shirts or ragged pants or clothes that make women look like, um, "working girls." Some people are spending their hard-earned money for a Big Night Out and would prefer that the room play along with that theme, too.

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ROY'S

(720-B Aliceanna St., Baltimore; 410-659-0099) — It's flowery, it's fusion-y, it's a little too fussy, but when chef Damon Morrison focuses his energies, his recipes seem fresher than the Roy Yamaguchi standards that fill out the menu. Avoid the cliched raw-chili powder blackened tuna and look instead for (the menu changes daily) the relatively simple dishes: fish with fresh salsas; crab cakes; "bento boxes" of mixed appetizers; smoked rather than fried rolls; and rooty eel-shiitake ravioli. Entrees $18-$27; three-course prix fixe $30. EVE ZIBART

MIMI'S

(2120 P St. NW; 202-464-646. Metro: Dupont Circle) — This three-year-old neighborhood fave has survived its sometime cocksure adolescence to become an easy, ingratiating hangout. The menu hasn't changed much — lavosh quesadillas, hummus, grilled eggplant, merguez, lamb chops and nicoise salads — but the cooking is more confident and more deftly condimented. Good bets include grilled portobello sandwiches, duck breast, halibut and pan-seared scallops over a Japanese seaweed salad. Entrees $12-$26. E.Z. (REVIEWED JULY 4, 2003)

MICHAEL LUTZKY/TWP

At Mimi's, you can eat your lamb chops while the waiter sings Broadway tunes.

Eve Zibart's dining reviews appear every Friday in The Washington Post's Weekend section. This week she samples the fare at Sorriso in Cleveland Park.

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Television

TV Land Fears 'Friends'

BLACKOUT | How to counterprogram the final installment of NBC's long-running sitcom "Friends"? TV Land isn't even going to try.

The cable network said Monday that it will essentially go dark for the hour when the conclusion of "Friends" airs on May 6, showing footage of TV Land staffers sitting around the office supposedly watching NBC.

But for the three hours before and after that broadcast, the nostalgia channel will show "Before They Were 'Friends,'" six programs featuring the cast members in earlier days: "Cheers" (with Lisa Kudrow), "Family Ties" (Courteney Cox), "Ferris Bueller" (Jennifer Aniston), "The Wonder Years" (David Schwimmer), "Just the 10 of Us" (Matt LeBlanc) and "Who's the Boss?" (Matthew Perry). (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

NBC

The cast of "Friends" walks away from its duties — terrifying all competitors.

ON TV TONIGHT

NO KIDS ALLOWED

FRIENDS (8 p.m., NBC) nears its end, with only three original episodes left to air beginning tonight. If you've seen the commercials, you know that Rachel will mull over a job in Paris. This bombshell, combined with Phoebe's wedding and Chandler and Monica's exit to the suburbs, has Joey in a dither. In fact, he's so distraught that Phoebe doesn't have the nerve to tell him that his elderly agent has expired.

As fans know, Joey will move to Los Angeles, where the character and the actor will star in a sitcom. But if Rachel leaves Ross at the departure gate, who will take care of baby Emma? Whatever happened to baby Emma? And for that matter, where's Ross's first child? And Phoebe's triplets? Apparently, "I'll be there for you," doesn't apply to children.

WALKING WOUNDED

SURVIVOR (8 p.m., CBS) Has producer Mark Burnett burned out on his landmark series? Compared to the excitement and soap-opera antics on his two better series, "The Restaurant" and the just-concluded "The Apprentice," the summer-camp shenanigans of these folks are strictly Dullsville.

OUT-GROSSING U.S. TV!

MOST EXTREME ELIMINATION CHALLENGE (10 p.m., Spike) combines footage from a real Japanese game show from the mid-'80s with bawdy dubbed mistranslations. Tonight's theme pits Democrats against Republicans in an election-year contest of logrolling and mudslinging. The show relies on a cheap, dated import, and the narrative approach seems lifted from old "Beavis and Butthead" routines, but it's funnier than "Fear Factor."

CULT CHOICE

EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel) Competitive reporters (Ray Milland and Robert Cummings) claim to discover a Nobel Prize winner, presumed dead, hiding out with his ice-skating daughter (Sonja Henie) in this 1939 feature. For all of the prewar intrigue, this movie's just an excuse to show off Sonja on her skates. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

SPIKE TV

On "Most Extreme Elimination," no plaster mushroom is too big to scale.

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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET.com Count	The Parkers	The Parkers	106 & Park: Prime		Comicview		BET Nightly News	Maad Sports
	Bravo	(4:30) ★★ "American Flyers" (1985)		The West Wing "The War at Home"		★★★ "Silverado" (1985) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown.						The West Wing "The War at Home"	
	Comedy	100 Greatest Stand-Ups CC		The Daily Show	Mad TV "100th Episode Milestone"		Crank Yankers	Insomniac Clips	South Park CC	The Man Show	Man Show Spcl	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	NYPD Blue "Serge the Concierge"		Hollywood Heat	Cops CC	The System "Cliff Hanger"		Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	Just the Facts (N) (Part 1 of 2)		Forensic Files	Hollywood Heat
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	DISCH	Rescue 911 CC	Rescue 911 CC	Paramedics "Hoosier Companions"		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Sex Mania		Berman & Berman		Plastic Surgery: Before and After	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★ "A Ring of Endless Light" (2002) Mischa Barton. CC			(:45) Recess	Sister, Sister	Boy Meets World	Kim Possible	The Proud Family
	E!	Hollywood Baby Boom		E! News (N)	Love Chain	Daryl Hannah: True Hollywood Story		Demi Moore: The E! True Hollywood Story CC				Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern
	FX	Married... With	Married... With	Cops CC	Cops CC	★★★ "Romancing the Stone" (1984) Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner.				Cops CC	Cops CC	★★★ "Romancing the Stone"	
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	Family	Full House CC	Full House CC	7th Heaven "The Tribes That Bind"		★★★ "Anywhere but Here" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman. CC					Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Hangars CC		Modern Marvels "Cattle Ranches"		American Steel: Built to Last CC		World's Biggest Machines CC		Modern Marvels CC		Modern Marvels "Machine Tools"	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Nanny CC	The Nanny CC	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"The Other Woman" (1995, Drama) Jill Eikenberry, Laura Leighton. CC				What Should You Do? CC	
	MTV	Diary (N)	Pimp My Ride	Direct Effect		Music Videos		Making-Band II	Making-Band II	Making-Band II	Pimp My Ride	Room Raiders	Real World
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	TBS	Home Improve.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	★★ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) (PA) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry.				(:10) ★★ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) (PA) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry.			
	TLC	Clean Sweep Craft materials pile up.		In a Fix "Romantic Bungalow" CC		Spymaster "Covert Operations"		Area 51: Fact or Fiction CC		Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle		Spymaster "Covert Operations"	
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	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger "The Reunion"		JAG "Friendly Fire" CC (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★ "Big Daddy" (1999) Adam Sandler. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impressionable youngster.					★ Screwed CC
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	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Catch-22" (1970, Comedy-Drama) Alan Arkin. 'R' CC				★★★ "The Man From Snowy River" (1982, Western) Kirk Douglas. 'PG'				(:15) ★★★ "Sahara" (1943, Adventure) Humphrey Bogart. 'NR'			
	TCM	(:15) ★★★ "Hills of Home" (1948, Adventure) Edmund Gwenn. 'G' CC				★★★ "The Harvey Girls" (1946, Musical) Judy Garland. 'NR' CC (DVS)				★★★ "The Pirate" (1948, Musical) Judy Garland, Gene Kelly. 'NR' CC			
	HBO	(5:45) ★★ "Batman Forever" (1995, Adventure) Val Kilmer. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Identity" (2003) John Cusack. 'R' CC			Chris Rock: Never Scared CC			Taxicab Confessions 2001: All's Fare	
	MAX	(4:00) The Shining	★★ "Femme Fatale" (2002, Suspense) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. 'R' CC				★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) Jamie Kennedy.			★★ "Trapped" (2002) Charlize Theron. 'R' CC			Haunting Desires
	SHOW	(5:30) ★★ "Hero" (1992) Dustin Hoffman. 'PG-13' CC			★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. iTV. 'R' CC					Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	Boxing: Mitchell vs. Tackie	
	TMC	★★ "Triumph of Love" (2001, Comedy) Mira Sorvino. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "The American President" (1995) Michael Douglas. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Vanilla Sky" (2001, Fantasy) Tom Cruise, Penélope Cruz. 'R' CC			
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★ "Gone Fishin'" (1997) 'PG'		(:05) ★ "Waking Up in Reno" (2002) Billy Bob Thornton.			(:40) On the Set	★ "The Hot Chick" (2002, Comedy) Rob Schneider. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "The Rock" (1996) 'R' CC	
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★★ "In the Mouth of Madness" (1995, Horror) Sam Neill. 'R' CC				★★ "Blue Crush" (2002, Action) Kate Bosworth. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Phenomenon" (1996, Drama) John Travolta. 'PG' CC			

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People

AMBASSADORS

U.N. Rejects Proposal To Hire Non-Celebrities

JACKIE CHAN will be in Cambodia next week to promote the work of the U.N. children's and AIDS agencies, the United Nations said Wednesday. The Hong Kong star will visit the capital, Phnom Penh, and Siem Reap, home to the country's cultural icon, Angkor Wat, during his three-day stay. Chan will visit projects focusing on HIV/AIDS, rehabilitation for land-mine victims and land-mine education, the agency said. (AP)

JERSEYIANS

A James Gandolfini Service Area Is Inevitable

JAMES GANDOLFINI, star of HBO's "The Sopranos," is among 11 Rutgers alumni to be inducted into the New Jersey state university's hall of fame on May 1. "In the entertainment world, James Gandolfini is probably the most recognizable Rutgers graduate," Cal Maradonna, associate vice president of alumni relations, gushed in Wednesday's editions of The Star-Ledger of Newark. Gandolfini graduated from Rutgers in 1983 with a bachelor's in communication. (AP)

AP

SCARY CHILD STARS

Ewwwww? Awwwww?

DAKOTA FANNING stopped by "Good Morning America" and allowed herself to be cooed over by **DIANE SAWYER** on Wednesday Her film, "Man on Fire," opens Friday. Co-star Denzel Washington told Sawyer: "Twice in my career I can remember doing a scene and found myself just watching the other actor. Once was with Gene Hackman and once with this girl." (EXPRESS)

She's loud, proud and unbowed.

ERIC JAMISON/AP

REALITY

Lying Is Sort of Like Acting

"Apprentice" vixen **OMAROSA MANIGAULT-STALLWORTH** taped a guest spot on the NBC soap opera "Passions" on Tuesday, reported "Extra." Using a very narrow definition of the term "acting," she told the TV newsmagazine: "I'm so excited because this will be my first time doing any sort of acting." Perhaps wowed by her ample prevarication skills, showcased to impressive effect on "The Apprentice," some entity is also in negotiations to cast Omarosa in a new sitcom — or so she says. The "Passions" episode will air May 27. (EXPRESS)

FOLK ROCKERS

Sorry Mate, We Don't Remember You, Either

SHANE MACGOWAN, former singer with Irish folk-rockers The Pogues, suffered facial injuries during a beating in a central London pub, it was reported Wednesday. The Evening Standard said MacGowan, 46, was attacked Monday by two men in the Joiners Arms pub. MacGowan was admitted to a hospital but left before receiving treatment. A Metropolitan Police spokesman said the motive for the assault was unknown. Two men, ages 20 and 21, were questioned, released on bail and ordered to return to a police station later this month, police said. (AP)

ROYALS

Princess Diana, As You've Never Seen Her Before

CBS tackily planned to air images of **PRINCESS DIANA** in the final minutes of her life on Wednesday night. The network claimed to have photographs taken of Diana following the 1997 Paris car crash that killed her, Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. Also promised on the "48 Hours" special, "Diana's Secrets": answers on whether the Princess was pregnant at the time of her death. London's Daily Mail reported that the special clearly showed Diana's face, shoulders and upper torso as she lay dying. A doctor who was at the scene adds that she was beautiful even as she died. (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny, warm; thundershower	Shower or thunderstorm	Mostly cloudy, showers possible	Partly sunny, breezy	Cooler, rain moving in	Showers, becoming partly sunny
81°	60°	78° / 58°	72° / 52°	66° / 52°	68° / 46°

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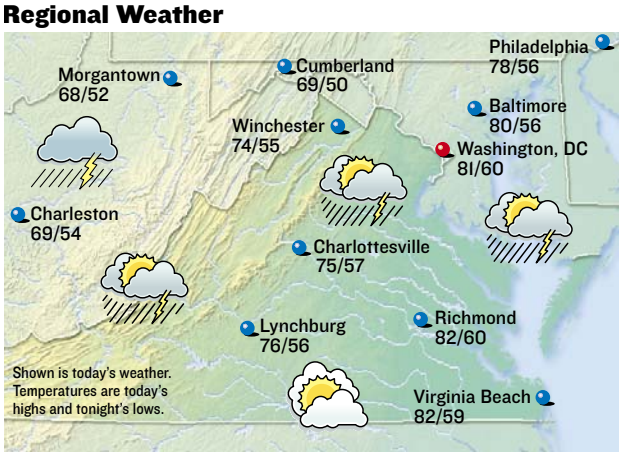

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	76°
Low	57°
Normal high	68°
Normal low	48°
Average humidity	63%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	3.00"
Normal month to date	1.91"
Year to date	8.72"
Last year to date	15.16"
Normal year to date	11.46"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

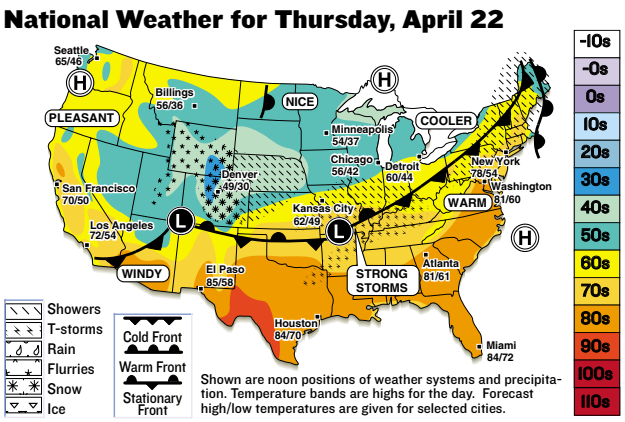
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, warm, a thundershower in the afternoon. High 81. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, shower, thunderstorm, fog.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:56 a.m.
Moonset today	11:15 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 19

National Weather for Thursday, April 22



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	81/61/pc	81/62/s
Boston	74/47/sh	52/40/pc
Chicago	56/42/pc	58/40/pc
Dallas	84/68/pc	78/60/t
Denver	49/30/r	45/31/r
Honolulu	85/72/pc	84/72/s
Los Angeles	72/54/pc	80/56/s
Miami	84/72/s	85/74/pc
New York City	78/54/t	64/48/sh
Orlando	86/64/s	86/66/s
Seattle	65/46/pc	59/42/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	60/47/r	57/47/pc
Athens	60/50/c	67/53/s
Berlin	74/52/pc	72/43/c
Buenos Aires	72/57/sh	66/52/r
Calgary	56/35/pc	59/32/c
Dublin	57/45/pc	59/46/pc
Geneva	68/48/c	59/50/r
Moscow	51/34/r	43/26/sn
Rome	70/53/pc	66/49/r
Sydney	78/55/pc	80/56/pc
Tokyo	80/65/s	70/49/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN THE ARTICLE "The Lost Action Hero" (April 21), you mention Manga as a refuge for female characters, yet you don't say a thing about it. There isn't a Manga fan alive who couldn't talk your ear off about quick-thinking major Misato, schoolgirl-turned-reluctant-super-hero Usagi and sword-fighting revolutionary Sarasa — characters that are defined by their strength, skills, brains and heart, not by their cup size. If you ask the question "Where are the female heroes?" you should answer it as well.

—JENNIFER WAND
Washington, D.C.

I WORK AT RFK STADIUM and I am a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School. At D.C. United's season opener, Mayor Anthony Williams promised to build a new soccer stadium. I understand that a new stadium would help revitalize whatever area it is in. However, D.C. United has a home, and that home is RFK.

As our school buildings continue to deteriorate and the quality of my education remains a national embarrassment, I would say to Mayor Williams, perhaps that money could be spent elsewhere.

—RASHAUN IVY
Washington, D.C.

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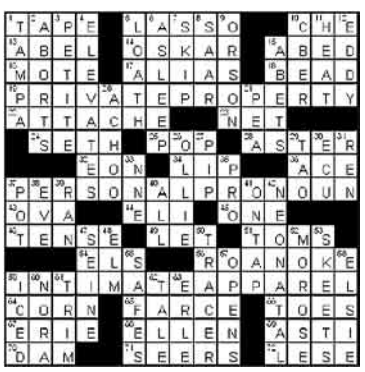
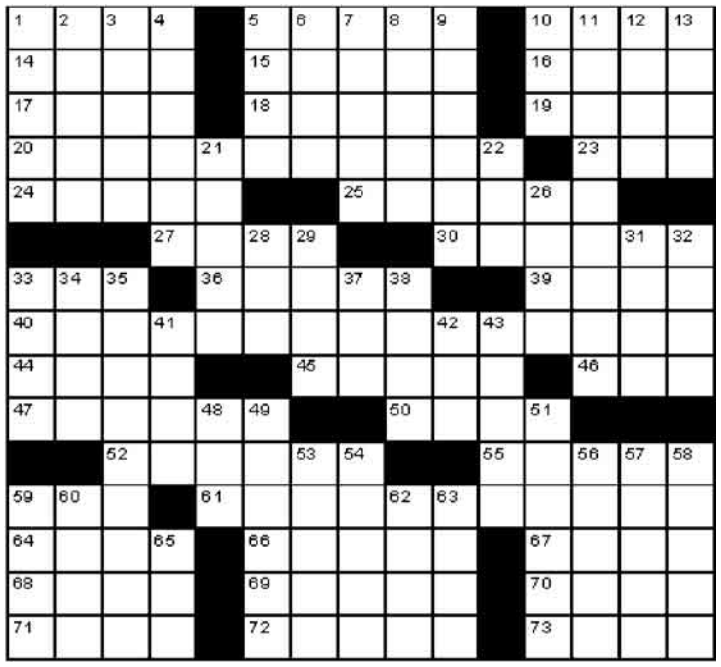


Crossword Puzzle: Q-Tips | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Black fly
5 Model wood
10 Russian despot
14 Starlet's quest
15 Gives off
16 Make a lasting impression?
17 Long narrative poem
18 Aluminum silicate minerals
19 Designate
20 City frequently in the news, 2003
23 Beverage choice
24 Banks of baseball
25 Being three in one
27 Flows out
30 More relaxed
33 The Greatest
36 They're made for walking
39 Belgium/France river
40 Behave!
44 Where Napoleon was exiled
45 Brings up
46 "C'___ la vie!"
47 Extended family members
50 Mil. training
52 Bank worker
55 "Bellefleur" author
59 Talk at length
61 West Coast center
64 Peter Fonda role
66 Slow-moving lemur
67 Lima's land
68 At two-two, for one
69 Admits the first customers
70 Lost
71 Without
72 Combine
73 Funnyman Foxx

DOWN
1 Diving bird
2 Sort of stock
3 Finish a tire job
4 He's into gadgets
5 Synagogue platform
6 Surrounded by
7 On the up and up
8 Hall-of-Famer Bart
9 Beset
10 Perfect score, for some
11 In the continental U.S.
12 Summit
13 Flightless bird from South America
21 Pat Boone's musical daughter
22 Status ___
26 Twelve o'clock in the day
28 Halloween haunted house sound
29 Type of grapes?
31 Lawyers' abbr.
32 It's left (with "the")
33 Prayer ender
34 Dietrich's Marlene
35 Neither right nor wrong
37 Uno e due
38 Box without harmful intentions
41 Carp cousin
42 Hit sign
43 John Jacob
48 Building addition
49 Lillehammer event
51 One of the three wise men
53 Steal away with one's intended
54 More scarce
56 "___ Eyes" (1969 hit)
57 Sort of seal
58 Part of a platoon
59 Protrudes
60 Inter ___
62 Kind of snake or crab
63 Latin being
65 They're handed sentences (Abbr.)

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'd better be prepared to spend more time accomplishing a routine task than you had planned on — particularly later in the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll have a good deal to be proud of, but you'll want to avoid being boastful — especially during evening, when others are watching you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's time for you to take control of your own emotions. Failure to do so will only result in a loss you cannot currently afford.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Look at the big picture and you may discover that a recent decision was precisely the wrong one. It's time now to change your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Spend time studying the most familiar items and you'll be more prepared tomorrow to face the unusual and bizarre.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You won't want to miss out on an opportunity to express yourself more freely and honestly — and it will be yours come nightfall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your willingness to do whatever you are told will serve you and others well — for the time being. Soon, you'll want to call the shots.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Give yourself the credit you do indeed deserve. Others will follow your lead, and recognize that you are worth a good deal of praise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Social opportunities are increasing, and you'll want to be ready to take advantage of a chance encounter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Someone you're working with will show you his or her true colors, making it impossible to continue the partnership much longer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Something new will pique your interest; you may want to follow a new course as a result of this new and growing fascination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Though you may be the one on the spotlight, you're going to have to rely on someone you trust to see you through it all.

LIVE ONLINE

WorldCom

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

WAYNE HUYARD, president of U.S. Sales and Service at MCI Inc., was online Wednesday to discuss the future of WorldCom Inc. The telecommunications giant emerged from bankruptcy Tuesday, following an $11 billion accounting scandal, and officially changed its name to MCI.

Will WorldCom shareholders who bought shares after the accounting scandal get any MCI shares?

Unfortunately, the prior WorldCom shares hold no value now or in the future.

How do we know MCI will not cook its books again?

The financial controls and the very broad, yet specific, system of corporate governance that we have put in place will prevent these issues in the future and, in fact, will serve as a model and a standard for others. The proud employees of MCI were victims of fraud by a select few and we are all committed to doing the right things now and in the future.

Can I deduct the value of my MCI stock (purchased before the WorldCom merger) as a capital loss?

You should check with an accountant or tax professional, but I do think you can claim and carry it forward as a capital loss.

Shouldn't MCI arrange some kind of compensation for shareholders, or at least fall on its sword and wound itself publicly? Until then, your PR people will be working double shifts to bolster public confidence.

There may be remuneration arranged by the Securities and Exchange Commission (funded through a payment by MCI to the SEC as part of the emergence from bankruptcy) made to prior shareholders, the details of which will be made known by the SEC.

Today on Live Online

NOON: John Zogby, president and CEO of Zogby International, discusses his newest polling numbers and the election.

1:30 P.M.: Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., discusses this weekend's rally and her new book.

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